

The High Peaks of Colorado

Being a list gathered from the latest available authorities of the named mountain summits in this state exceeding 14,000 feet in altitude. Compiled for the Club by Ellsworth Bethel.

Colorado is the mountain state of the Union. Of the 54 named peaks of the United States which exceed 14,000 feet in height, Colorado has 41, California 12, and there is one in Washington. There are probably at least 5 more peaks of this altitude in Colorado which remain unnamed. It is estimated that one-fifth of the state stands above 10,000 feet in altitude, that it contains 350 peaks above 11,000 feet, 220 above 12,000 feet, 150 above 13,000 feet and about 45 above 14,000 feet.

The highest peak in the United States proper is Mt. Whitney (Cal.), alt. 14,501 feet, and the second highest is Mt. Rainier (Wash.), which was recently resurveyed and found to be 14,408 feet high. Mt. Massive, Mt. Elbert and Blanca Peak, which head the table in this leaflet, are respectively the third, fourth and fifth highest in the United States. Massive and Elbert, after elaborate recent surveys, have been found to differ less than a foot in altitude.

In the following table, the first column gives the name of the mountain, the second column the altitude of the peak above sea-level, the third column the survey or other authority from which the figure is derived, the fourth column the mountain range to which the peak belongs, and the fifth the county in which it lies. In the third column the letters U. S. G. S. signify that the figure is fixed by the records of the U. S. Geological Survey; Colo. G. S., that it is taken from the Colorado Geological Survey; Hayden, that it is derived from the Hayden survey of Colorado; Wheeler, from the Wheeler survey; and C. A. C. from work done by Prof. L. G. Carpenter and students of the Colorado Agricultural College. Pikes Peak and Longs Peak were determined by checked spirit leveling, and are probably correct within one foot. Those credited to the U. S. Geological Survey were determined by vertical angulation and are probably correct within ten feet, while those credited to Hayden and Wheeler were determined many years ago by mercurial barometer, and may be in error as much as one hundred feet.

The altitude of Mt. Massive and Mt. Elbert were recently determined by vertical angulation, by the U. S. Geological Survey, for the Colorado Academy of Sciences.

Recent determinations have reduced the elevations of Mount of the Holy Cross and Buckskin Mountain so they no longer belong in this list. The name Crestone supplants Three Tetons, and Mt. Wilson has been adopted in place of Glacier Mountain.

Grays Peak, Torreys Peak, Mt. Evans, Longs Peak and Pikes Peak are visible from Denver, and the last named also from Pueblo and Colorado Springs.

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MOUNTAIN PEAKS IN COLORADO EXCEEDING 14,000 FT. IN ALTITUDE

| MOUNTAIN | ALTITUDE | AUTHORITY | RANGE | COUNTY |
|--------------------|----------|-------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Mt. Massive | 14,402 | U. S. G. S. | Sawatch | Lake-Pitkin |
| 2. Mt. Elbert | 14,402 | U. S. G. S. | Sawatch | Lake |
| 3. Blanca Peak | 14,390 | U. S. G. S. | Sangre de Cristo | Huerfano-Costilla- Alamosa |
| 4. Mt. Harvard | 14,375 | Hayden | Sawatch | Chaffee |
| 5. Grays Peak | 14,341 | Hayden | Front | Summit-Clear Creek |
| 6. Torreys Peak | 14,336 | Hayden | Front | Summit-Clear Creek |
| 7. La Plata Mtn. | 14,332 | U. S. G. S. | Sawatch | Chaffee |
| 8. Uncompahgre Pk. | 14,306 | U. S. G. S. | San Juan | Hinsdale |
| 9. Mt. Lincoln | 14,276 | Colo. G. S. | Mosquito | Park |
| 10. Mt. Evans | 14,260 | U. S. G. S. | Front | Clear Creek |
| 11. Castle Peak | 14,259 | U. S. G. S. | Elk Mtns. | Pitkin-Gunnison |
| 12. Quandary Pk. | 14,256 | U. S. G. S. | Park | Summit |
| 13. Longs Peak | 14,255 | C. A. C. | Front | Boulder |
| 14. Mt. Wilson | 14,250 | U. S. G. S. | San Miguel | Dolores |
| 15. Mt. Antero | 14,245 | Hayden | Sawatch | Chaffee |
| 16. Mt. Shavano | 14,239 | Hayden | Sawatch | Chaffee |
| 17. Crestone Peak | 14,233 | Hayden | Sangre de Cristo | Saguache-Custer |
| 18. Mt. Cameron | 14,233 | Colo. G. S. | Mosquito | Park |
| 19. Mt. Princeton | 14,196 | Hayden | Sawatch | Chaffee |
| 20. Mt. Yale | 14,187 | Hayden | Sawatch | Chaffee-Gunnison |
| 21. Old Baldy Pk. | 14,176 | Hayden | Sangre de Cristo | Costilla |
| 22. Mt. Bross | 14,163 | Colo. G. S. | Mosquito | Park |
| 23. Mt. Sneffles | 14,143 | U. S. G. S. | San Juan | Ouray |
| 24. Maroon Peak | 14,126 | U. S. G. S. | Elk Mtns. | Pitkin |
| 25. Pikes Peak | 14,110 | U. S. G. S. | Front | El Paso |
| 26. San Luis Peak | 14,100 | Hayden | La Garita | Saguache |
| 27. Kit Carson Pk. | 14,100 | Hayden | Sangre de Cristo | Saguache-Custer |
| 28. Mt. Windom | 14,084 | U. S. G. S. | Needle Mtns. | La Plata |
| 29. Mt. Eolus | 14,079 | U. S. G. S. | Needle Mtns. | La Plata |
| 30. Culebra Pk. | 14,069 | Hayden | Culebra | Las Animas-Costilla |
| 31. Sunlight Mtn. | 14,053 | U. S. G. S. | Needle Mtns. | La Plata |
| 32. Red Cloud | 14,050 | U. S. G. S. | San Juan | Hinsdale |
| 33. Mt. Sherman | 14,048 | U. S. G. S. | Mosquito | Park |
| 34. Mt. Bierstadt | 14,046 | U. S. G. S. | Front | Clear Creek |
| 35. Stewart Pk. | 14,032 | Hayden | Sawatch | Saguache |
| 36. Wilson Pk. | 14,026 | U. S. G. S. | San Miguel | San Miguel |
| 37. Wetterhorn Pk. | 14,020 | U. S. G. S. | San Juan | Ouray-Hinsdale |
| 38. Grizzly Mtn. | 14,020 | U. S. G. S. | Sawatch | Pitkin-Chaffee |
| 39. Sunshine Pk. | 14,018 | U. S. G. S. | San Juan | Hinsdale |
| 40. Handies Pk. | 14,008 | U. S. G. S. | San Juan | Hinsdale |
| 41. Mt. Democrat | 14,000 | Colo. G. S. | Mosquito | Park-Lake |

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